

HOUSE BILL 2837

By Borchert

AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 191 (Pilot Knob Road) in Benton County in honor of the late Representative Blake Pafford.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those statesmen who served this State with the greatest acumen and dedication during their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, the late Representative Blake Pafford of Camden was a well-rounded gentleman who served astutely in the diverse worlds of education, agriculture, contracting, politics, and government; and

WHEREAS, Blake Pafford served the good people of Benton and Decatur counties during the 59th and 79th General Assemblies as a member of the House of Representatives, always working with purpose and conviction to guarantee the health and prosperity of his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, he also served with distinction as a Delegate to the Tennessee Constitutional Convention of 1953 and Benton County's representative to the White House Conference on Education held in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Representative Pafford was a long-time member and Chairman of the Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park Commission; and

WHEREAS, because Blake Pafford played an instrumental role in the creation of Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park, it is most fitting that the road traversing the park should bear his honorable name; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 191 (Pilot Knob Road) in Benton County from the point at which such route enters

Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park to the terminus of such route within the park is hereby designated "Blake Pafford Memorial Road" in tribute to an excellent public servant and even finer human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 191 described in Section 1 as "Blake Pafford Memorial Road".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.